Setting up of Haldia Petrochemical Project

697. Dr. RATNAKAR PANDEY :

SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1970 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th March, 1989 and state :

(a) what progress has so far been achieved in the setting up of Haldia Petrochemical project ; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE - MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) and (b) As indicated earlier, as far as the Ministry of Industry is concerned the necessary approvals for the project including extension in the validity of the letter of intent and in the foreign collaboration approvals have been given from time to. time.

. It is for the party to take further steps towards setting up of the project.

698. *[Transferred to the 26th July,* 1989]

Proposal for expansion of Haldia Oil Refinery

699. DR. R. K. PODDAR :

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM :

SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :

SHRI NARAYAN KAR :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any request was made by the West Bengal Government for expansion of the Haldia Oil Refinery ;

(b) if so, when and what are the details thereof ; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Union Government thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) to (c) The Government has received a a request from the Chief Minister, West Bengal in April, 1989 for the expansion of Haldia refinery. Since the unit cost of expansion of the existing refinery would be more than that of a new grass root refinery and since other techno-economic considerations also do not justify it, it is not proposed to expand the Haldia refinery at present.

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700. SHRIMATI RATAN K.UMARI :

SHRI P. N. SUKUL :

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news